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THE POLITICIAN.

Politics are not automatic. Political machinery does not run of itself; it must be set going and kept in motion. Who is to see to it that the machinery does not get out of gear, that it is kept well oiled, and in good running order? This is properly the task of the politician. The term politician is used in both a good and a bad sense. The man who honestly devotes himself to public affairs or to the promotion of the interests of a political party is a politician in the good sense of the word. Of the politician or political machinist in its other sense there are unfortunately too many living examples. To plan is one thing and to put into execution is another. The politician should be able to do both. Few men are wise as serpents and gentle as doves, and there are therefore few consummate politicians. To heal differences, to allay factional feeling, to see that public interest is excited, that votes are cast, and that numerous details are attended to, takes more than merely time and trouble. Politicians, like poets, are born, not made. The name of politician has been brought into disrepute by many; a few have given it credit by showing that the politician can honorably fill a necessary and legitimate place in public affairs. The man with a political pull, and who uses it to defeat the ends of justice, as is too often the case, shows that the power of the politician may work infinite harm. The ermine should never be spotted with the dirty touch of the ward heeler or the political boss. Keep the fountain of justice pure and there will be no fear of an epidemic of corruption. That honesty is the best policy is nowhere truer than in public life. Many a man who is accounted a shrewd and farseeing politician, and who is busy rolling logs, building bridges, and pulling wires, is most likely at the same time to be digging his political grave, in which the public with much satisfaction will see him buried. Such funerals are not without consolation. A man who sits in a Gubernatorial chair or a Senator's seat may turn either of them into an electric chair for his own political execution. We do not have to look or go far to find such men. Most communities furnish one or more examples of the politician, good or bad, and Bloomfield forms no exception. We need good politicians. They have their place and use. An honest, shrewd, persuasive, thoughtful man can do a world of good for the political interests and welfare of the community in which he lives. There are some such men. Let us hope that their number will increase.

Julia Marlowe at Miner's.

The patrons of Miner's Theatre, next week, are assured of one of the most brilliant, and at the same time one of the grandest dramatic events that have ever transpired in Newark, and in the first appearance of the very distinguished artist, Julia Marlowe, an episode in stage production as profound as they are rare and interesting in the depiction of the immortal Shakespeare's sublime plays.

Julia Marlowe has established herself firmer in the affections of the people, deeper in its artistic regard; without rivalry in the former relation, and if with any in the latter it pales visibly before the increasing excellence which the sure and steady growth of her genius shows. From the beginning the virtues of her art were so many and so high as to create almost a protest against the evidence of the senses, as when one flies the refuge from the cumulative perfection of Shakespeare's that he really was not aware of what he was doing, was sort of an inspired idiot.

This sweet girl, not yet out of her teens, so fills the measure of *Julia, Partenaea*. Violate the story of it was set down as a mixture of delusion, based on the chance of attaining a pre-ecstasy that would soon go to seed. She has already manifested her right to the title of great. None should miss this pleasurable opportunity of witnessing this ideal artist's grand performances in Shakespeare's glorious plays.

George S. Reed, Charles H. Johnson, W. R. Moir, T. H. Johnson and Grand Regent McDowell attended the tenth anniversary of Longfellow Council, Royal Arcanum, of East Orange, at Commonwealth Hall, on Thursday.

James T. Reed, a former resident of this town, is Vice-Regent of the council.

Try a pair of our \$3 Gents patent leather shoes at Shoenthal's—Advt.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A Prohibitionist's Views.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: The bold assertion iterated and reiterated ad nauseam that the liquor traffic is tolerated because public opinion will not uphold an enforcement of laws for its prohibition, and that the Sunday traffic is permitted because public opinion demands an open saloon, are impudent and shameless libels, disproved by the fact that the whole immense political power of the liquor dealers is vehemently urged to prevent an expression of opinion through the ballot-box and to oppose the granting of the right of suffrage to more than one-half of the community who are most painfully and directly interested in the question—to wit, the women. By skilful political levering, the decent citizens are enthralled, and because they do not break out into open violence and revolutionize society they are counted as adherents of the cause they abhor. Neither in village, town, city, county, or State will the liquor dealers allow the question of prohibition to be voted upon, if by any villainy or under any pretext it can be avoided, and in communities where the right has been wrested from them and the saloon has been dispensed with to the peace, comfort, and prosperity of all, they have been thrust back upon them by a pliant Legislature and a subservient Governor, to their everlasting shame and infamy.

No community is safe from the saloon. In Montclair, by the maintenance of a committee of one hundred of its citizens, a liberal contribution of money, the constant employment of counsel and an occasional appearance of many citizens before the court in Newark, some of the most objectionable applicants for license are defeated and open violations of the laws, particularly with regard to the Sunday traffic, are prevented. In spite of all this machinery, expense, loss of time, and annoyance, an applicant must have a pretty bad character and his petition for license be glaringly defective or fraudulent before remonstrances are heeded by the court. In Bloomfield, where no committee of citizens is organized saloons both licensed and unlicensed abound, and no pretence of observing the Sunday or any other restrictive law is made, an attempt was recently made to establish a saloon in a quiet neighborhood of homes near the boundary line between Bloomfield and Montclair with the evident intent of intercepting the Sunday liquor-guzzlers on their weekly trip from Montclair to Bloomfield, and was defeated only because of the fraudulent character of the petition, which was brought to the attention of the court by those whose homes would be outraged and whose property depreciated by the establishment of the saloon.

If a petition properly signed and regular in form is presented later, even though the signers be so ignorant as to be obliged to sign with a cross, and destitute of all decency and regard for their families, there is but little doubt that the court will grant the license—so little, in fact, that the applicant actually built and fitted up his house in advance of filing his petition, and was selling beer therein. Now, if he succeeds, it will be alleged that "public opinion" sanctions his effort.

It seems monstrous that citizens should be compelled to organize to prevent violations of law, become spies, informers, and prosecutors, when the whole machinery for such enforcement is already in existence and paid for. It is a cruel thing that the streets should be hideous on Sunday with brawling and blasphemy and unsafe even for churchgoers, because "public opinion" is said to tolerate it, and as a consequence the officers of the law are indifferent.

If every drunken man upon the streets on Sunday was arrested, taken before a Justice of the Peace, and made to make an affidavit stating where he procured his liquor or punished by fine or imprisonment, the proof could be secured without difficulty for at least breaking up Sunday traffic or the drunkards be punished for perjury.

E. A. S.
GLEN RIDGE, April 26.

Base-Ball Notes.

The Star Athletics defeated the Excelsior base-ball team last Saturday, score 22 to 6.

An interesting game of ball will be played to-day between the Bloomfield Jr.'s and the Star Athletics.

The Bloomfield B. B. C. will cross bats with the East Orange High School nine at Glen Ridge this afternoon.

A game of base ball between the Watsessing Stars and a picked nine at Watsessing on Saturday resulted in favor of the Stars, 10 to 6.

A game of ball was played the other day on Crow Hill, between a nine from the Empire Print Works and the Young Men's Catholic Union, which resulted in a victory for the former; score, 13 to 11.

The Bloomfield Base-ball Club have arranged the following games: April 30, East Orange High School; May 7, Rosewood Base-ball Club; May 14, Glen Ridge Picked Team; May 21, Orange Valley Y. M. C. A.; May 28, East Orange High School, at Roseville; Decoration Day, open; June 4, Rutherford Club; June 11, Orange Valley Y. M. C. A. at Orange Valley; June 18, open; June 25, Chatham Club; July 2, open; July 4, Actives of Brooklyn, at Brooklyn; July 9, open; July 15, Chatham Club, at Chatham. Will fill dates from July 16 with uniformed clubs of 19 or under.

Full line of Oxford ties at Shoenthal's—Advt.

AT THE CHURCHES.

First Presbyterian.

Rev. H. W. Ballantine, D. D., pastor. Sunday services 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 2 P. M. Young People's meeting every Monday evening. Prayer-meeting every Thursday evening; strangers always welcome.

Westminster Presbyterian.

The pastor, the Rev. Geo. A. Paul will preach at 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Evening service beginning with praise led by choir and chorus. Sunday-school at 12 M. Young People's prayer meeting at 7 P. M. Strangers always welcome.

German Presbyterian.

Sunday services: Preaching by the pastor, the Rev. H. W. Selbert, at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 2 P. M. Prayer meeting, Tuesday at 8 P. M. Young People's Society, Friday at 8 P. M.

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Park Methodist Episcopal.

Services to-morrow at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Preaching by the pastor, the Rev. R. B. Collins. Sunday-school at noon; Epworth League Prayer-meeting at 6.45 P. M. Leader, Mr. W. H. Reid. Children's hour Tuesday at 3.30 P. M.

First Baptist.

The Rev. Charles A. Cook, pastor. Services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Subject in the morning, "The Lord's Supper." In the evening the second sermon on the saloon question. "The Question in Bloomfield" will be the subject.

Glen Ridge Congregational.

Services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Sunday-school at 3 o'clock. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 7 P. M.

Christ Episcopal.

The Rev. Edwin A. White, Rector. Litany, sermon and celebration of the Holy Communion, 10.30 A. M. Sunday school at 3 P. M. Evening Prayer with sermon 7.30 P. M. Evening Prayer on Friday 5 P. M.

New Seaside Resort.

An enterprise is well under way at Asbury Park which promises to rival the popularity of Ocean Grove. Parties residing at Asbury Park have purchased sixty acres of land on Deal Lake, five minutes' walk from the North Asbury Park station. They have laid it out in building-lots, except thirty acres, contained in two plots which they have presented to the New Jersey State Young Men's Christian Association for a summer camp. They are not only giving the land, but equipping the camp with necessary buildings and tents to accommodate 400 guests.

The following buildings are in process of erection and will be ready for the opening of the camp July 1st: Administrative Building, Executive Residence, Auditorium seating 3,000 people, Dining Hall to seat 200 guests, on a plot of five minutes' walk from the railroad depot.

If a petition properly signed and regular in form is presented later, even though the signers be so ignorant as to be obliged to sign with a cross, and destitute of all decency and regard for their families, there is but little doubt that the court will grant the license—so little, in fact, that the applicant actually built and fitted up his house in advance of filing his petition, and was selling beer therein. Now, if he succeeds, it will be alleged that "public opinion" sanctions his effort.

On the other plot of six acres, they will erect a commodious gymnasium, bowling-alley, and grand stand, lay out a quarter-mile bicycle track 12 feet wide, the paving of which will cost \$2,000, and a base-ball diamond, lawn-tennis courts, etc.

The camp will be open for guests from July 1 to Sept. 1. A combined Opening, Dedication and Independence Day Celebration will be held July 2-4; Workers' Conference for instruction of the rank and file of Association members July 20 to 30, and a Summer Bible School August 8 to 18. The Conference will be under the direction of Prof. J. Bowe, Superintendent of the International Y. M. C. A. Training School, and the Bible School under John H. Elliott, General Secretary of the Association of Minneapolis, Minn. These gentlemen, aided by other prominent Association men, will give instruction for an hour and a half each forenoon of these courses, and addresses by eminent men will be delivered on alternate evenings.

A thoroughly competent physical director will be secured to have charge of the athletic field and gymnasium, and a number of athletic events will be arranged.

Satisfactory table service is guaranteed by the engagement of the competent steward of the University Club of Princeton College.

A portion of the tents will be set apart for married Association men and their families. The terms to guests will be sufficiently moderate to place the privileges of the camp within the reach of all young men.

While the camp is owned and controlled by the New Jersey State Association, it is their wish that all Association men in adjoining States unite in its use and the enjoyment of its privileges. From the interest already manifested it is evident that there will be a large attendance this year.

State Secretary David F. Moore, whose headquarters are in Newark, will act as General Secretary of the camp and will be assisted by an able corps of lieutenants.

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